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¶1. (C) Turkish MFA Deputy Director General for Arms Control and Disarmament Ahmet Muhtar Gun told us February 23 that the ministry's legal office is reviewing U.S. comments on the draft MOU for Turkey's transfer of flank entitlements to the U.S. Gun said he is arguing for the more flexible, politically-binding document that the U.S. prefers, but noted that MFA lawyers are pushing for a legally-binding MOU supported by a Council of Ministers decision. Gun said he is hopeful he can achieve a compromise in the interest of time.

¶2. (C) Gun asked for confirmation that we accept the latest Turkish offer of 35 tank and 20 ACV entitlements. Using reftel points, we told Gun that we appreciate the Turkish offer and wish to move ahead quickly on that basis, noting that we may wish to engage in future discussions with the Turks on outstanding requirements not covered by the offers on the table. Gun responded that the latest Turkish offer is "best and final" and represents the most he can extract from the Turkish General Staff.

¶3. (C) Gun told us that the Russians have been critical of Turkey for agreeing to flank entitlement transfers and said he had raised this at the last HLTF meeting. He was disappointed that the Romanians and Bulgarians had made no statements in support of Turkey. He asked that the U.S. help generate alliance solidarity against Russian criticism. (Note. Gun expressed the same concerns during February 22 policy planning talks with visiting S/P Director Krasner. End note).

4. (C) We will continue to press the MFA to complete its review of the MOU so that we can finalize the MOU and prepare the necessary notifications in March.

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